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1. Prior to 4 March 1952, the Panzer Kaserne on the south side of Selauerstrasse, Weissenfels (M 52/J 99), was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The installation was fully lighted at dusk. T-34 tanks were in a garage on 29 February. An SP gun, presumably a model JSU-152, was seen at the installation on 3 March. From 20 to 30 trucks were parked in the billeting area.

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2. Until 4 March 1952, the Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Selauerstrasse was occupied to capacity by troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. All buildings were lighted at nightfall. An SP gun, presumably a model JSU-152, and 3 personnel carriers mounting machine guns were seen in the billeting area on 4 March. Three piles of ammunition boxes were noticed in the installation. From 65 to 70 soldiers, who had newly arrived, fell in in front of a barracks building on 29 February. They wore black-bordered red epaulets and carried rucksacks, suitcases and steel helmets, and were equipped with rifles and submachine guns.

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* [redacted] Comment. The report tends to indicate that the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt [redacted] and the unidentified Gds reconnaissance battalion of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div were at their post until 4 March 1952. On the basis of this information, it seems that the tank regiment which, [redacted] conducted firing exercises at Ohrdruf, completed these exercises in February and apparently did not participate in the command-post exercise held in the Naumburg area during the time covered by the report. [redacted]

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[redacted] the two barracks installations were reported occupied to capacity.

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